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Paid as You Earn

THE spiritual law of compensation is expressed in these words:
 "There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated.

"And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." (1)

While we are thinking about law, it will be well to include another statement:

". . . that which is governed by law is also preserved by law and perfected and sanctified by the same." (2) and

"All kingdoms have a law given."

Obey the laws and have the benefits. "Elementary! My dear Watson!"

What benefits and blessings do you desire?

Discover the law upon which those benefits and blessings are predicated; obey that law and blessings are yours.

Choose for yourself and take the consequences. Choose not and you have not. Obey not the law and you have no promise.

What blessings do you want?

Do you feel weak, insecure, incompetent, afraid? Do you desire to be strong, safe, secure, and to enjoy a sense of achievement and freedom from fear?

"There is a law irrevocably decreed"—for the gaining of these blessings. It is the law of faith. Apply it and these blessings come to you.

Do you want to be better than you are? Do you desire to improve yourself and to become more perfect? The law of repentance is the means to this end. Obey this great law of growth and perfection and you are liberated from the damning restraints which arrest your development and deny you the freedom and beauty of the righteous life.

Do you feel lonely, neglected and unhappy? Do you yearn for friends, affection and happiness? Then obey the law of love. This law expects you to abjure self-pity and to lose yourself in your love for others.

If you would be happy obey the law of love which is the law of selflessness, of giving of one's self with all one's heart, might, mind and strength to the object of your love.

When you invest your love, it will pay the largest dividends if you will invest it in the Most Worthy One.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, might, mind and strength . . . and thy neighbour as thyself. Upon these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Membership in the Church and Kingdom of God and faithful honouring all the laws of the Kingdom are man's only assurance of eternal joy.

(1) Doctrine and Covenants, section 130:20-21. (2) Doctrine and Covenants, section 88:34-36.



GROUND-BREAKING

... at Newchapel

The Programme

- Presiding:* President David O. McKay
Conducting: President A. Hamer Reiser
Song: "The Morning Breaks, The Shadows Flee" – Salt Lake
Tabernacle Choir
Invocation: Elder J. Spencer Cornwall
Song: "The Lord's Prayer" – Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir
Address: President A. Hamer Reiser
Address: Elder Edward O. Anderson
Address: Sir Thomas Bennett
Address: President David O. McKay
Ground-breaking by President David O. McKay
Song: "O My Father" – Male Chorus, Salt Lake Tabernacle
Choir
Benediction: Elder Richard L. Evans

◀ *Elder Richard L. Evans, President David O. McKay, Sir Thomas Bennett*





"I NOW officially declare the first ground broken for the London Temple," spoke President David O. McKay at Newchapel, Surrey, as sod was turned at the south-east corner of the first temple to be constructed in Great Britain. Ground-breaking ceremonies held on Saturday, August 27th, at 2 p.m. were attended by approximately one thousand saints who assembled before the speakers' stand, located in the shade of an alcove of the formal gardens, just east of where the temple shall rise.

Seated before the gathered British saints, missionaries, servicemen,

Tabernacle Choir members, and visitors from America were: President and Mrs. McKay accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Edward McKay, Miss Clare Middlemiss, secretary to President McKay, Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of Twelve, Mrs. Evans, Elder Edward O. Anderson, architect, Mrs. Anderson, President A. Hamer Reiser, Sir Thomas Bennett, supervising architect, and Mrs. Bennett.

Music for the service was contributed by the famous Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, directed by Elder J. Spencer Cornwall, in conjunction with the Choir's European tour. The singers were located in front and to the left of the speakers' platform.

Actual construction of the Temple is to begin in the spring of 1956. "Almost a perfect moment to start a building which we think will build itself a tradition in the course of the years to come," explained Sir Thomas Bennett. The supervising architect continued: "And we think it may well be that in September, 1957, the building will be complete."

Elder Edward O. Anderson explained that the building, similar in plan arrangement to the Berne Temple, had already been built on paper. Portland stone has been chosen as the most suitable building material with steps and step abutments and walk borders of granite. The perforated spire will be constructed of aluminium specially treated with a protective coating of oxidising by electricity.

Joy and gratitude filled the hearts of those present at this—one of the most historic events of British Mission history, but the Heavens wept as erection of the House of the Lord was begun. Sunshine remained during the ceremonies and contin-

ued through the afternoon except for a short period of time when light rain fell upon those assembled as President McKay broke ground, continuing through the benediction by Elder Richard L. Evans.

The beautifully sculptured grounds and the Tudor-styled mansion home were greatly admired by all the visitors to the site, who were conducted on guided tours. Banks of flowers added decor to the occasion.

Those present could not visualise the structure as the architects see it but Sir Thomas Bennett explained, "It is the users who build the tradi-

tion, not the architects. It is the users who make it a building which is something fine in conception, something personal in its reactions in their own minds, and in due course something personal in the reaction perhaps of many generations".

While hundreds had assembled to witness the commencement of the erection of a House of the Lord, President McKay reminded those present that they too were building, "each one is building a temple to the Most High".

G. EDWARDS BADDLEY

Remarks at Ground-Breaking

By President David O. McKay

MY brethren and sisters, the Tabernacle Choir, on its initial tour, has already established a number of *firsts*. For the first time in the history of the Church, a group of members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was welcomed at Greenock by the Provost and Lady, and by a bagpipe band in full uniform. For the *first* time also, the *Lord Provost* and *Lady* of Glasgow greeted an organisation of the Church in Municipal Hall. For the *first* time in the history of the Church, the London County Council greeted members and officials of the Choir. This is not the first time, however, that we've held ground-breaking ceremonies for a House of the Lord. It is the *first* time in Great Britain. Whether the London temple will be the thirteenth or fourteenth temple to be dedicated, depends upon which temple, the London or New Zealand temple, will be erected first. But we have now, completed and under construction, fourteen temples in the Church, and others under consideration.

This is a very significant occasion. We propose, figuratively speaking, to commence the erection of the London Temple by breaking ground at the south-east corner of where the temple will stand. There are only two men in this congregation who visualise the London Temple in its perfection. Those two gentlemen have already spoken to you: Elder Edward O. Anderson and Sir Thomas Bennett. These architects have the ability to visualise the structure as it will appear when completed. You and I cannot see that excepting in picture form; these two gentlemen already visualise every room, every wall, even every bolt, from foundation to turret.

We join them today, however, in starting the erection of this magnificent temple. We have in our hearts the prayer that it will be built solidly, sacredly, that those who participate in the architectural design, those who take the contract, the workmen, may all feel that they are erecting a house to the glory of God, and to the salvation and happiness of His children. Indeed, I think it would be appropriate for us to say with Ruskin :

“ When we build, let us think that we build forever.
Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone.
Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for
And let us think, as we lay stone on stone
That a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred
Because our hands have touched them;
And men will say, as they look upon the labour and wrought
substance of them :
See, This our fathers did for us.”

In years to come, many of us may not be able to return and traverse the highway which you're facing; but your children may; and as they pass the completed structure, dedicated to the Lord, they will say: “ See, my parents, or my grandparents, were there on the occasion that the ground was broken on the south-east corner of that edifice.”

There's one thing more which I think we should keep in mind, and that is that as this structure will rise in keeping with the drawings of these master architects, let us keep in mind that we too are building; each one here is building a temple to the Most High—his own soul.

“ Chisel in hand stood a sculptor boy,
With his marble block before him,
And his eye lit up with a gleam of joy
As his life-dream passed o'er him.

“ He carved it well on the shapeless stone
With many a sharp incision
Then that angel-dream became his own,
His own, the angel vision.

“ *Sculptors of life are we
With our souls uncarved before us.
If we carve it well on the shapeless stone
With many a sharp incision,
That angel-dream we make our own,
Our own, the angel vision.*”

I leave that thought with this group assembled at the ground-breaking ceremonies today. I repeat, we cannot in our minds visualise the structure that will be erected here as our architects see it; we cannot see the soul or the architect, the soul that we're making, but each one has the responsibility of carving that soul well, visualising as his guide the Saviour of the world. God help each of us to draw that lesson today as we participate in the ground-breaking ceremonies, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEWCHAPEL TIME AND HER STORY

BY A. HAMER REISER

NEWCHAPEL is rich in allusions of time. The brook running through it is called Eden. Long before the Romans built the road which is now highway A22 to the Channel, the area around Newchapel was occupied by Celts, and after the Romans by Saxons and Danes.

William the Conqueror's Domesday book includes the holdings of land around Lingfield. At some time, therefore, Newchapel was included in some tenures of the feudal system, by which the barons and the knights who held of them, performed their obligations to the sovereign.

The oak trees, one in the garden and another in the field, are of such great size as to say they were growing in the days of the first Elizabeth and when Columbus discovered America.

The heart of Newchapel house preserves an antique, the relic of the Elizabethan farm house with its original oak beams, wooden pegs and door knobs and bolts. And this in the setting of modern tiles and bathroom fixtures most modern.

Newchapel house as it stands is not more than 40 years old. It is a reconstruction of the once-popular Tudor style of architecture which is

at home in such a setting as the garden.

Gertrude Jekyll, eminent landscape artist, designed the garden as a picture of nature. Pause long enough at the south porch to absorb the vista, the balance and variety of shrubs and trees, the shapes and colours, and the illusion of great depth.

The abiding delight of Newchapel is in the ever-changing variety and beauty of nature here. Every season has its special version of beauty from the stark skeletons of the trees in winter to the lush and abundant carnival of colour when the rhododendrons bloom. When some of the winter trees are bare, the evergreens throw their sheltering arms around them. When the winter sun falls a golden ball of fire, Newchapel trees stand silhouetted like slender guardsmen at the frontier.

The aromas of Newchapel hover like a halo among the flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees. The fragrances of the grasses, the violets, narcissi, roses, viburnum, spruce and cedar are wafted by breezes everywhere.

No wonder the butterflies, bees, and birds adopt Newchapel as their special haven. The shrubs, trees and fields give cover for the nests of

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G. SCHMID, BERNE

SACRED "Hosannas" rose from the House of the Lord—the first "Old World" temple to be constructed since the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, in dedicatory services held at Berne, Switzerland, September 11th through 15th. Church officials, visitors representing many lands, and saints and missionaries from the nations of Europe participated in the event marked as being one of the most significant and far-reaching in Church history.

President David O. McKay officiated in the five-day exercises and repeated the beautiful prayer of dedication at each session. At 10 a.m. Sunday, September 11th, members of the Tabernacle Choir, General Authorities, Mission authorities, and members of the Swiss-Austrian mission met for the first formal session of the services. Elders Spencer W. Kimball, Ezra Taft Benson, Henry D. Moyle, and Richard L. Evans represented the Council of Twelve

HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA,
TO GOD AND THE LAMB.
AMEN, AMEN, AMEN!
THE HOUSE OF THE LORD IS COMPLETED,
THE HOUSE OF THE LORD IS COMPLETED.
MAY OUR OFF'RING BY HIM BE ACCEPTED,
MAY OUR OFF'RING BY HIM BE ACCEPTED.
AMEN, AMEN.

REJOICE, OH, YE SAINTS, WHOSE PATIENT FAITH AND LABOUR
HAVE REARED THIS HOUSE WHEREIN TODAY YE STAND;
REJOICE YE BLEST DEPARTED SAINTLY SPIRITS,
BEHOLD YOUR TEMPLE, FINISHED, CROWNS THE LAND.
REJOICE YE SOULS AWAITING YOUR REDEMPTION,
THE WORK SPEEDS ON TO SET THE CAPTIVE FREE:
THANKS BE TO GOD FOR ENDLESS LIBERTY,
THANKS BE TO GOD FOR ENDLESS LIBERTY.
HOSANNA, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST,
AMEN AND AMEN.

Evan Stephens - "Hosanna" Anthem

BERNE TEMPLE

Dedicated

by G. Edwards Baddley

at the dedication. President Samuel E. Bringhurst, newly appointed Berne Temple president, participated in the solemn activities.

One hundred and seventeen British missionaries and other members of the British Mission joined with LDS servicemen in Europe, members of the Tabernacle Choir, and the General Authorities in services conducted at 2 p.m. on the first day of dedication activities.

While approximately 1,800 were

seated in the temple at each session, only about 500 were able to see the speakers and few of the British representatives had this opportunity. Services, however, were relayed by sound system to the various rooms of the building so that all might hear and participate in the activities.

Quiet solitude and deep reverence filled the newly-erected structure, modernly furnished and banked with plants and flowers, as the session began to dedicate that house to

His purposes, that the latter-day work among the nations of the earth might be fulfilled. As President McKay conducted the service those attending were reminded that they were not alone in the activities of that day and at such occasions the veil separating heaven and earth is very thin.

The programme commenced by the Tabernacle Choir singing "The Morning Breaks, The Shadows Flee". The invocation was offered by President A. Hamer Reiser of the British Mission. "Holiness Be cometh the House of the Lord", sung by the Tabernacle Choir, preceded introductory remarks by President McKay. Elder Spencer W. Kimball and Elder Richard L. Evans were next to address the assembly. A vocal solo, "Bless This House", was sung by Miss Ewan Harbrecht, Tabernacle Choir soloist. President McKay, 82 year old prophet, rose to offer the temple in Holiness to the Lord. Those assembled joined him in offering the dedicatory prayer and were led in the "Hosanna" shout as the Tabernacle Choir burst forth with the "Hosanna" Anthem, written by Evan Stephens for the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple. Elder Frank W. Asper offered the benediction.

Silence followed the ceremony as row by row those assembled left the building. Tears streaked many faces; the Lord was near.

Services were conducted twice daily at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day through Thursday, September 15th, with members and missionaries from the following missions participating: Swiss-Austrian and West German, Monday; West German, military personnel, East German, Tuesday; Netherlands, Danish and Norwegian, Wednesday; Swedish,

Finnish and French, Thursday.

The first endowment session in the temple was held Friday, September 16th, for the East and West German Saints.

The Berne Temple, located three miles north of Switzerland's capital city, is built on a seven-acre tract of land bordered on the north and west by a national forest. The structure rises above most of the surrounding area and is floodlit at night. Announcement of the site for a temple was made in July, 1952, by President McKay, concluding a European tour. In August, 1953, the site was dedicated and ground was broken by the Church leader with construction beginning in October. President Stephen L. Richards of the First Presidency laid the cornerstone in ceremonies, November 13th, 1954. The newly-dedicated structure is the ninth temple in operation by the Church.

Eleven temples have been built and dedicated by the Church: the Kirtland Temple, 1836, desecrated by mobs; the Nauvoo Temple, 1846, destroyed and burned in 1848; the St. George, 1877; the Logan, 1884; the Manti, 1888; the Salt Lake Temple, 1893 (forty years under construction); the Hawaiian, 1919; the Canadian, 1923; the Arizona, 1927; the Idaho Falls, 1945; 1955, Berne. Dedication ceremonies are planned in December for the Los Angeles Temple—the largest of any temple to be constructed. Other temples to follow are located in Britain and New Zealand.

While today the Temple at Berne, the first in Europe, is a reality, it was but a prophesy in 1853, when Brigham Young said: "The time will come when our temples will be erected all over the land of Zion and in many foreign lands."

NEWCHAPEL—*continued*

humming birds, thrush, nut-hatch, pheasant and waterfowl. As seasons bring the migratory birds, numerous varieties can be found about the garden.

The bird songs attest by their variety that nature's children are happy here.

The past, the present of all creation are richly in evidence in lovely Newchapel. The eternal blessings of

the future and the permanence of hope for the blessings of eternal life will be associated with Newchapel when the Temple is there.

Time has been liberally invested in Newchapel. As more is invested, life will be the more enriched. Newchapel, now mildly suggesting "the lost garden where the world began" will yet come to remind us of the eternal garden to be regained.

British Missionaries

MISSIONARIES from the fourteen districts of the British Mission gathered together at "Ravenslea" on September 10th, prior to leaving for the Temple dedication at Berne, Switzerland. The Sunday, September 11th, session at 2 p.m. was scheduled for members and saints of the British Mission. One hundred and seventeen missionaries represented Great Britain at the dedication. The group travelled by train to Folkestone and then crossed the English Channel to Boulogne by boat. The journey to Berne was continued by train. While at Berne a tour of the city was made. Return journey followed dedicatory service.

The modern "crusaders'" trek to the dedication of Europe's first Temple stands out as one of the important events of 1955 in Mission history.



— DEDICATORY PRAYER —

O GOD, our Eternal Father :
On this sacred occasion, the completion and dedication of the first Temple to be erected by the Church in Europe, we give our hearts and lift our voices to Thee in praise and gratitude. Help us to free our minds from idle thoughts, and our souls from selfish and envious feelings, that in sincerity and truth we may assemble as one in singleness of purpose in love of Thee, of one another, and of all sincere people in the world.

We are grateful that in the spring of 1820, on the American continent, Thou and Thy Son Jesus Christ didst appear to the young man Joseph Smith; that Thou didst introduce the Saviour of mankind by saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear Him!" We are grateful that under Thy guidance and inspiration the Church of Jesus Christ was organised in completeness, with Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, etc., for the "perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Such is the Divine Message in these latter days to all Thy children, living and dead!

Through hearing Thy Son, and by obedience to His word, we come to Thee; and "To Know Thee and

Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent is Eternal Life."

We are grateful that following the glorious Revelation of Thee and Thy Beloved Son, Thou didst in this dispensation restore by heavenly messengers the Aaronic and the Melchizedek Priesthood, and subsequently all the Keys of the Priesthood ever held by Thy prophets from the days of Adam, through Abraham and Moses, to Malachi who held the power to "turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers" down to the latest generation.

All these rights, powers, and privileges were restored and delivered authoritatively in *this*, the greatest Dispensation of all time.

We are grateful for the Constitution of the United States of America which permitted the Church of Jesus Christ to be established through Heavenly messengers, and which grants to every man the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

We are grateful for the freedom-loving government of Switzerland, which through the centuries has held inviolate man's free agency and his inalienable right to worship Thee without dictation from any man or group of men whomsoever.

We are grateful that in the completeness of the organisation of the Church every member has an opportunity to serve his fellow men having in mind the divine saying—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto

Full text of the dedicatory prayer for the Swiss Temple, offered by President David O. McKay, at dedicatory services, in Berne, Switzerland. Sunday, September 11th, 1955, at 10 a.m.

one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

We express gratitude to Thee for the leaders of Thy Church from the Prophet Joseph Smith down through the years to the present General Authorities — The First Presidency, the Council of the Twelve Apostles, the Assistants to the Twelve, the Patriarch to the Church, the First Council of Seventy, the Presiding Bishopric.

Continue to reveal to The First Presidency Thy mind and will as it pertains to the growth and advancement of Thy work among the children of men.

With humility and deep gratitude we acknowledge Thy nearness, Thy divine guidance and inspiration. Make even more susceptible our spiritual response to Thee.

Bless the Presidencies of Stakes, High Councils, Presidencies of Missions, Bishoprics of Wards, Presidencies of Branches and of Quorums, Superintendencies and Presidencies of Auxiliaries throughout the world. Make them keenly aware of the fact that they are trusted leaders and that they are to treasure that trust as “they treasure their lives.

We are grateful that the members of the Church recognise that the payment of tithes and offerings bring blessings, makes possible the proclamation of the Gospel to the ends of the world, and contributes to the carrying out of Thy purposes through the building of chapels, tabernacles, and eventually Temples

wherever churches are organised in all lands and climes.

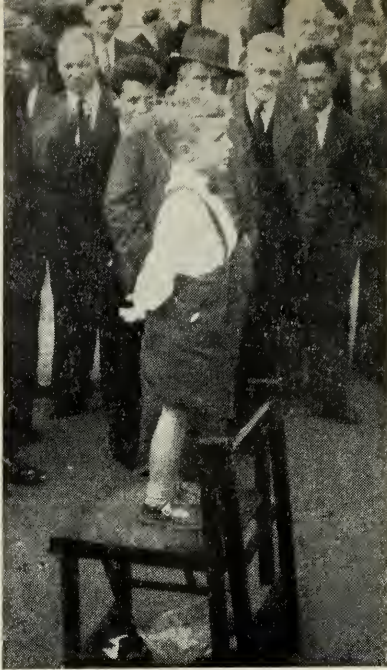
O Father, we sense that the crying need of the world today is acceptance of Jesus Christ and His Gospel to counteract false teachings that now disturb the peace of honest men and women, and which undermine the faith of millions whose belief in Thee has been faltering and unstable, because they have not yet had presented to them the eternal Plan of Salvation.

Guide us, O God, in our efforts to hasten the day when humanity will renounce contention and strife, when “nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

To this end bless the leaders of nations that their hearts may be cleared of prejudices, suspicion and avarice, and filled with a desire for peace and righteousness.

As one means of uniting Thy children in the bonds of peace and love, this Temple and other holy houses of the Lord are erected in Thy name.

Help thy people to realise that only by obedience to the eternal principles and ordinances of the Gospel may loved ones who died without baptism be permitted the glorious privilege of entrance into the Kingdom of God. Increase our desire, O Father, to put forth even greater effort towards the consummation of Thy purpose to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of all Thy children. This edifice is one more means to aid in bringing about this divine consummation.



David Martin

... at Liverpool Pier Head

Merseyside

SUNDAY evening, August 14th, 1955, marked the debut of perhaps the youngest known street-side preacher in the world. The scene was the famous Liverpool Pier Head where Brothers Heber C. Kimball and Brigham Young first set foot on British soil to begin the great latter-day work on this continent. The crowds thronged in to hear the ten minute sermon of this young expounder of the Restored Gospel.

This new defender of the truth is five-year-old David Martin, son of Brother and Sister Peter Martin of the Liverpool Branch. The Martin family are recent converts to the Church and now Brother Martin is active in the branch presidency at Liverpool.

David commanded the attention of the multitude and held them

To this end, by the authority of the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood, we dedicate the Swiss Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and consecrate it for the purpose for which it has been erected.

We dedicate to Thee, our Heavenly Father, the ground, the building from foundation to turret, and everything pertaining thereto, including all fixtures and furnishings and pray Thee to accept it in completeness; sanctify it, and keep it in Thy providence until all for which it has been designed shall have been accomplished.

Enable those who will be appointed custodians to protect it in purity that no unclean person or thing shall ever enter herein. Thou hast said that Thy spirit will not dwell in unclean tabernacles. Neither will it dwell in a house where unwholesome or selfish thoughts abide. Therefore may all who enter this Holy Temple come with clean hands and pure hearts that the Holy Spirit may ever be present to inspire, to comfort, and to bless.

May this building ever be held sacred, that all who enter may feel a peaceful and hallowed influence, and may those who pass the

Miniature Marvel is a Mormon

by RICHARD T. BAKER

spellbound as he recited from memory the Articles of Faith and the 23rd Psalm. With perfect articulation and in a clear resonant voice, he told the crowd of over 300 people the marvellous truths which we hold so dear to our hearts.

The following day a repeat performance, which drew in vast crowds, attracted the cameras of several newspapers, both local and national. The *Liverpool Evening Express* said, "Merseyside miniature marvel is a Mormon" and greatly praised David's accomplishment.

The already popular position held by the Latter-day Saint elders on the Pier Head was greatly enhanced by the appearance of young David. He was followed by Elders R. T. Baker and S. J. Lindhardt who further told the throngs of interested listeners of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The young orator has just started attending the Croxteth Primary School but can recite nearly 20 pages of the Book of Mormon which he has learned during the past six months.

grounds, whether members or non-members of the Church, feel a hallowed influence and substitute for a doubt or possible sneer in their minds, a prayer in their hearts.

Now, O God, our Heavenly Eternal Father, the faithful membership of Thy Church, through love for Thee and Thy children, have erected to Thee by tithes and offerings this Holy House in which shall be performed ordinances and ceremonies pertaining to the happiness and salvation of Thy children living in mortality and in the Spirit World.

Accept of our offering, hallow it by Thy Holy Spirit, and protect it

from destructive elements and the bitterness of ignorance and wickedness of bigoted hearts until its divine purposes shall have been consummated; and Thine be the glory, honour, and praise forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Amen and Amen!

Clippings Wanted . . .

*Newspaper articles concerning
the Tabernacle Choir's visit are
needed by the Choir's Historian*

Please send to :
149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12

Strains—Come, come, ye saints, no toil nor labour fear . . . Listen to the Lambs . . . Sing Praises, Sing Praises, Sing Praises to Him . . . Glorious Everlasting—keep returning. One's heart within swells up. History recorded the event and turned to pages beyond—but the memories, the joys, for ever keep recurring.

SPOTLIGHTING events of 1955 was the visit of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir on their initial tour of Europe. Four concerts in Britain at Glasgow, Manchester, Cardiff, and London brought elated ovations. Ugly-thought rumours soon began to vanish as audiences thrilled to the songs of Zion.

A close association was felt between Britons and Choir members when those members able to trace British ancestry were asked to stand during the concert programme. Nearly the entire Choir rose. "Members of the Choir may have inherited the faith and courage of their forefathers, for they sang with conviction and zeal," recorded the Cardiff *Western Mail*. Truly, Choir members were returning to the land of their fathers and many were interested in finding and seeing a non-forgotten birthplace.

Coverage of the Choir's visit was made in papers, on broadcasts, and newsreels throughout Britain. Billboard posters and hand-bills announced their arrival. Newspapers issued most favourable reports regarding the entire tour and concerts with few exceptions. Some excerpts follow:

Their arrival was termed by the *Glasgow Evening News* as "one of

the most colourful overseas arrivals in the Clyde for many years". A full programme of the concert in Kelvin Hall was printed in the *Glasgow Herald*. The Lord Provost was quoted as saying that the Choir's visit was "as unique as it was historic, as it was the first time an organised body of Latter-day Saints had been received by the city".

The *Manchester Evening News* thought the Choir sang with "sweeping sincerity and disciplined fervour. The reflective fervour of Bach's chorals . . . was right up their street". Miss Harbrecht was termed a "persuasive soprano".

"The Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle Choir, which must rank as one of the finest in the world, gave an inspired and outstanding performance at Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Cardiff, last night," recorded Cardiff's *Western Mail* under the headline "Mormon Choir's Inspired Performance".

The *Times*' report of the Albert Hall concert said: "The singing itself was admirable. The tone quality was outstandingly beautiful in piano passages, when the sopranos, in particular, could float their voices with an ethereal purity of effect, while the basses retained an enviable mellowness no matter how long their notes.

SALT LAKE TABERNACLE CHOIR SINGS TO BRITAIN

— In the Land of their Fathers

“...for the most part the programme, like the spoken commentary between each group, came as a reminder that the singers were here as much in the role of evangelists as musicians. There were some solos from a radiant-toned soprano, Miss Ewan Harbrecht. The organist, Alexander Schreiner, showed himself master of his unfamiliar instrument in Louis Vierne's ‘Carillon de Westminster’.”

The *Daily Telegraph and Morning Post* thought “the tone of the choir was full, especially in the soprano and bass sections, the singing very flexible and the enunciation exemplary”.

Two purposes for the Choir's European tour were explained by President David O. McKay as being: (1) reward and appreciation for more than 80 years of devoted Church service (2) messengers of goodwill and peace to the world of highest possible purpose and mission of deepest significance.

Elder Richard L. Evans, representing the General Authorities of the Church on the tour and commentator for the concerts, said of the Choir's visit to Britain: “We are deeply pleased at the way people of Great Britain have opened arms and hearts to us. The friendships formed,

understandings established here from highest officials and amongst all classes are beyond the highest expectations and significant far beyond our ability to calculate. The Choir has performed magnificently despite heavy schedules, lack of sleep and the wearisome journey. It has risen to new and greater standards of performance and response. Capacity crowds attending have caught the spirit of hearts and sincerity of the entire party.”

The Arrival

The Choir's arrival Friday morning, Friday, August 19th, at Greenock, Scotland, on the *Saxonia*, presented a picturesque sight. Rain did not deter Provost John Porter, several hundred fellow citizens of Greenock, who stood hours in the pouring rain, and a bagpipe band from presenting a royal welcome to the 600 songsters and their guests. The pipers dressed in native costumes played “The Mist-Covered Mountains” and “My Home”.

President McKay and his party: Mrs. McKay, Dr. and Mrs. Edward McKay, and Miss Clare Middlemiss, had flown to Prestwick the day before to be on hand to welcome the Choir. Rain stopped and the Choir assembled on the quay, where



The Arrival

The colourful landing of the Choir in Europe took place at Greenock, Scotland

they were welcomed by Provost Porter as newspaper reporters and cameramen crowded around.

The Choir greeted Scotland with "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond", "Come, Come, Ye Saints" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Citizens of Greenock were overjoyed when members of the group extended warm "hellos" over Custom barriers.

From Greenock, buses carried the Choir to Glasgow, where a reception was held in the Municipal Hall. Lord Provost of Glasgow, Andrew Hood, offered a warm and hearty welcome greeting to the Mormon visitors to his city. President McKay later said of the occasion: "Nobody knows or can tell what this great choir missionary endeavour means to Utah and Salt Lake City, to the Church, to America and especially to Great Britain and Europe.

"You can understand how deeply this affects me when I tell you of my own missionary labours here 57 years ago. Nearly every day then I passed St. George's Square in Glasgow and looked in marble halls where cords and guards barred my

passage. Friday, together with this great Choir of 500 members we were welcomed in that great hall with highest honours and received by the Lord Provost.

"A half century ago we were attacked and vilified in street meetings by professed ministers of the gospel and members of congregations. What changes in these 57 years!"

A rehearsal Friday evening and a trip to the Trossachs on Saturday preceded the concert in Kelvin Hall Saturday evening. Sunday morning a religious service was conducted under the direction of President McKay in a theatre in Edinburgh.

In Manchester

Saints from the Midlands assembled for the Choir's concert in Manchester, August 22nd, at Free Trade Hall. Upon the arrival in Manchester, Choir members were taken to eat at the Midlands Hotel and a reception was held for the Choir officials by Manchester's Deputy Mayor. The Choir travelled to London following the concert by train.



A bagpipe band, dressed in highland uniform, greeted Choir members with "The Mist-Covered Mountains" and "My Home" as they left the ship. Provost John Porter extended a welcome greeting to the visitors. President McKay stood with fellow-Scotsmen behind the barrier as the Choir landed.

In Wales

On August 24th, the Choir journeyed to Wales and nearly upset plans when their train arrived at Cardiff General Station eighteen minutes before the allotted time. Informal greetings were made at the station by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor William Groves, the American Consul, Mr. Chester Beaman, and Miss Janet Jones, the Hostess of Wales dressed in her National Welsh costume. After dinner at Sophia Gardens Pavilion, the visitors were taken on a tour of the city.

At 1 p.m. Alderman Frank Chapman, J.P., Mayor of Cardiff, and the Lady Mayoress presided at a civic luncheon in honour of the visit. The American flag was raised over Cardiff Castle. The Cardiff City Blue Book was presented to Elder Richard L. Evans. A Welsh flag was also presented to Brother Jack Thomas on behalf of the Choir. An interesting statement was made of the Choir by the Lady Mayoress of Cardiff: "This choir can sing equally as good, if not better, than the Welsh."

In London

Choir members were given an opportunity to tour London and surrounding points of interest before the official concert at Royal Albert Hall, Sunday evening, August 28th. They were guests at a reception held by the London County Council and were taken on a tour of the London County Hall by Mr. G. R. D. Bradfield, deputy chairman.

Saturday, August 27th, the Choir presented the music for ground breaking ceremonies at Newchapel for the British Temple.

Two special press conferences were held in London—one for Mrs. David O. McKay and the wives of the officials and one for President McKay and other Church dignitaries.

A special religious service was held at the Albert Hall Sunday morning for the Choir with President McKay presiding. The Choir then spent a busy afternoon at Albert Hall where rehearsals and two broadcasts for Columbia Broadcasting System were held.

The Concerts

Capacity crowds attended the four concerts held in Great Britain. Elder J. Spencer Cornwall directed concerts in Glasgow, Manchester and London. The concert in Wales was under the direction of Elder Richard P. Condie. Accompanists were Elders Alexander Schreiner and Frank W. Asper. The concerts were held at the finest halls in each city: Kelvin Hall, Glasgow; Free Trade Hall, Manchester; Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Cardiff; Royal Albert Hall, London.

The 375-voice Choir sang a well balanced programme consisting of numbers by Liszt, Bach, Dett, Samuel Ward, Leroy Robertson, Evan Stephens, Wm. Clayton, Handel, James McGranahan, Mendelssohn, Cyril Jenkins, M. Thomas Cousins, and others. While each number had its own particular appeal, a repeat performance of "Come, Come, Ye Saints" was demanded at each concert. "Listen to the Lambs", with Miss Joanne Hoppie as soloist, brought outstanding comments.

Audiences were also impressed with the timely commentary by Elder Richard L. Evans and solos presented by Miss Ewan Harbrecht, soprano soloist, who charmed audiences with her sincerity and beauty.

Colourful souvenir programmes were presented attenders at each of the concerts, containing articles from *Look*, *The Reader's Digest*, *Life*, and the *New York Times Magazine* about the Mormon people.

Saints from the various branches of Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England attended concerts nearest their locality. All were proud to be members of the organisation which the Choir represented.

While few realise the great expense, planning, and problems such an undertaking entails, those responsible agreed that all the effort was justified and no one "could yet fully foresee or appreciate the significance and far reaching effects of this epochal undertaking" as the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir sang "in the land of their fathers".

G. EDWARDS BADDLEY

RELIEF SOCIETY

The Wheat and the Tares

Through a knowledge of the interpretation of the parable concerning the "wheat and the tares," we may strive more diligently to live so that the Spirit of the Lord will constantly strive with us. *Social Science Lesson*

WE will continue the topic of the predicted judgments, and the first thing to be considered will be the parable of the wheat and the tares. I think we are all familiar with this parable which is found in the 13th chapter of Matthew:

"Another parable put He forth unto them saying, The kingdom of

heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way."

"But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also."

"So the servants of the house-

holder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in the field? from whence then hath it tares?

“He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?”

“But he said, Nay: lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

“Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.” (Matthew 13:24-30.)

Not Understood

Naturally, the Disciples did not understand this parable, so afterwards they came to the Saviour and asked Him for an explanation, and here is the explanation.

“He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

“The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

“The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world! and the reapers are the angels.

“As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity.” (Matthew 13:37-41.)

Further Light

Now, in reading this I put a little stress on two parts of it. “*The harvest is the end of the world,*” and

“*The reapers are the angels.*” We have a little more light upon this parable revealed in Section 86 of the Doctrine and Covenants:

“Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you my servants, concerning the parable of the wheat and of the tares:

“Behold, verily I say, the field was the world, and the apostles were the sowers of the seed;

“And after they had fallen asleep, the great persecutor of the church, the apostate, the whore, even Babylon, that maketh all nations to drink of her cup, in whose hearts the enemy, even Satan, sitteth to reign—behold he soweth the tares; wherefore, the tares choke the wheat and drive the church into the wilderness.

“But behold, in the last days, even now while the Lord is beginning to bring forth the word, and the blade is springing up and is it yet tender—

“Behold, verily I say unto you, the angels are crying unto the Lord day and night, who are ready and waiting to be sent forth to reap down the fields.” (D. & C. 86:1-5.)

Seed Sowed Twice

Now, in the parable as we have it in the book of Matthew we do not have this distinction drawn between the sowing of the seed in the dispensation of the Meridian of Time and again the sowing of the seed in the dispensation of the Fullness of Times. but here the Lord makes that clear. If we had the parable just as He gave it, I am sure that this distinction would be in it. The sowing of the seed occurred twice, once by our Lord and His Apostles at the time of His ministry. The wicked one sowed the tares, and drove the Church into the wilderness. That has reference to the apostasy. Then again in this, our day, when the

Gospel is again restored, this same thing is repeated. The good seed is sowed. The wicked one comes along and sows the tares, and the angels are now waiting, pleading with the Lord to reap down the earth.

“But the Lord saith unto them, pluck not up the tares while the blade is yet tender (for verily your faith is weak), lest you destroy the wheat also.

“Therefore, let the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest is fully ripe; then ye shall first gather out the wheat from among the tares, and after the gathering of the wheat, behold and lo, the tares are bound in bundles, and the field remaineth to be burned.” (D. & C. 86:6-7.)

Now, that is much clearer than the account as we get it in the Bible. Again in the 38th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants the Lord says, speaking of our day:

“For all flesh is corrupted before Me; and the powers of darkness prevail upon the earth, among the children of men, in the presence of all the hosts of heaven—

“Which causeth silence to reign, and all eternity is pained, and the angels are waiting the great command to reap down the earth, to gather the tares that they may be burned; and, behold, the enemy is combined.” (D. & C. 38:11-12.)

Spirit Withdrawn

Again, one more passage from the 63rd section of the Doctrine and Covenants. In verses 32 and 33 of this Section the Lord says:

“I, the Lord, am angry with the wicked; I am holding My Spirit from the inhabitants of the earth.

“I have sworn in My wrath, and decreed wars upon the face of the earth, and the wicked shall slay the

wicked, and fear shall come upon every man.”

Now, the Lord has withdrawn His Spirit from the world.

Now, do not let this thought become confused in your minds. The Spirit He has withdrawn from the world is not the Holy Ghost, for they never had that, but it is the light of truth, the Spirit of Christ, which is given to every man that comes into this world, as you find it so recorded in the 84th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants. Now, because of the wickedness of the world that Spirit has been withdrawn; and when the Spirit of the Lord is not striving with men, the spirit of Satan is. Therefore, we may be sure that the time has come spoken of in the first section of the Doctrine and Covenants, wherein the Lord says:

“For I am no respecter of persons, and will that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh; the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand, when peace shall be taken from the earth, and the devil shall have power over his own dominion.” (verse 35.)

Peace Taken from Earth

Peace has been taken from the earth. The devil has power over his own dominion, and the Spirit of the Lord has been withdrawn. Not because the Lord desires to withdraw that Spirit; but because of the wickedness of mankind, it becomes necessary that this Spirit of the Lord be withdrawn.

I would like to read verses 53 and 54 of Section 63.

“These things are the things that we must look for; and, speaking after the manner of the Lord, they are now nigh at hand, and in a time to come, even in the day of the coming of the Son of Man.

“And until that hour there will be foolish virgins among the wise; and at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked; and in that day will I send mine angels to pluck out the wicked and cast them into unquenchable fire.”

Those days are here.

Quotes President Woodruff

One theme that was on the mind of President Wilford Woodruff more than any other for a number of years before his death—in fact, from the time of the dedication of the Temple until his death—was this theme of the parable of the wheat and tares, and I want to read to you something President Woodruff said. He repeated it a number of times. I heard him say it, and I want to say that I was greatly impressed because of what he had to say.

“I refer to these things because I know not how long I may have the privilege of bearing my testimony of the Gospel of Christ on the earth. The revelations that are in the Bible, the predictions of the patriarchs and

prophets who saw by vision and revelation the last dispensation and fullness of times plainly tell us what is come to pass. The 49th chapter of Isaiah is having its fulfilment. I have often said in my teachings, if the world wants to know what is coming to pass, let them read the revelations of St. John. Read of the judgments of God that are going to overtake the world in the last dispensation. Read the papers and see what is taking place in our own nation and in the nations of the earth, and what does it all mean? It means the commencement of the fulfilment of what the prophets of God have predicted. In the Doctrine and Covenants there are many revelations given through the mouth of the prophet of God; these revelations will all have their fulfilment, as the Lord lives, and no power can hinder it. In one of the revelations the Lord told Joseph Smith: ‘Behold, verily I say unto you, the angels are crying unto the Lord day and night, who are ready and waiting to be sent forth to reap down the fields.’”

BRITISH MISSION

Branch and District Activities

Irish

On August 20th. *Belfast Branch* held a Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet. All present enjoyed an excellent meal prepared by Sisters Mary Matear, Sarah Cochrane, Elizabeth Weal and Sister Smiley. Games and community singing led by Sisters June Turner and Trixie Ditty helped to put everyone in high spirits. Proceeds were devoted to the branch building fund.

Sheffield

An outing to Fox House, Derbyshire, was very much enjoyed by the *Sheffield Branch* saints on August 1st. While glorious sunshine was with them on the outward trip, rain somewhat marred the late afternoon and several of the party found the dark auditorium of a cinema a drier place to be. The outing was under the able direction of the Sunday School.

Welsh

Merthyr Tydfil Branch held a social on September 3rd, preceding branch conference the following day. A wonderful meal was prepared by the Relief Society sisters of the branch and games and dancing furthered enjoyment.

Saturday evening, August 13th, a farewell social was held in the home of Brother D. Wiltshire in honour of Sister Anita Mitchell who is emigrating to the U.S.A. where she will marry Michael M. Austin, a former missionary. A goodly number of branch members enjoyed an entertaining evening under the leadership of Welsh District President Fred Birkhead and tasty titbits were provided by the Relief Society sisters.

Hull

York Branch held their first meeting in their new church building on August 21st. It is a large house, standing in its own grounds. Much work has been done by the saints painting and cleaning up the 15 rooms for use in the many activities planned and the 50 members and friends who attended the first meeting were filled with enthusiasm for the future.

A garden party was held in the home of Brother Spurr of the *Hull Branch*, August 13th. There were plenty of games, eats and music for all—the children being especially favoured with a sand box to play in and many toys. It was voted a most enjoyable occasion.

August 25th, the Branch Relief Society took a country ride round about Hull which proved very enjoyable.

Elders of the 2nd Quorum in the *Grimsby Branch* held a social, August 11th. Feature of the evening was learning the circle waltz

under the tuition of Mr. A. Kella-way. Refreshments were provided by the members and a small sum was added to the quorum funds.

Birmingham

On August 20th the *Relief Society* of the *Rugby Branch* visited the famous English public school at Rugby. Several missionaries were in the party of sixteen and cameras were much in evidence. The school was made famous by Thomas Hughes, who wrote *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, and by a certain Webb Ellis, who, while playing football, "picked up the ball and ran", thus creating the great game of Rugby Football. The carved initials can be seen on the desk tops of many boys who became famous men, but the whipping tower aroused the most interest in the visiting group. Here boys in the past received punishment for their misdeeds and their chastisers were paid ten shillings per stripe from the parents.

On Tuesday, September 4th, thirty members and friends of the *Rugby Branch* gathered for a hamburger supper given by Sisters Duncan and Smith. Following games, hamburgers were served with tomatoes, onions, pickles, mayonnaise, etc. Sister Duncan has just completed her mission, most of her time being spent in the Birmingham District.

On the evening of August 9th *Birmingham Branch* saints toured the neighbouring countryside by coach. The occasion was somewhat marred by incessant rain but, characteristically, the spirits of the members were not dampened though the outward prospect was dismal the inward feeling was warm, such that some even deemed iced confections in order!

On Monday, August 1st, members of the *Nuneaton Branch* visited

Higham-on-the-Hill churchyard to gather names from the tombstones. This particular churchyard is reputed to contain graves of more octogenarians and nonogenarians than any in the diocese. One gravestone records six members of a family who lived to be over 80. Fine weather added to a successful hunt in the genealogical cause.

Nottingham

Nottingham Branch Primary held a sports day August 24th and over 100 children attended Firbeck recreation ground for races, refreshments, and a sing-song. Thanks to Sister Muriel Cuthbert who organised the event it was a great success and two pictures appeared in the local press.

On August 10th a group of older Primary children, accompanied by several of the missionaries, travelled to Dovedale, Derbyshire, under the direction of Brother Tom Heszeltine, to explore the caves. All returned tired, but satisfied and happy.

After a very active summer session, the M.I.A. of the *Nottingham Branch* held a grand banquet to open the winter session. Three courses were expertly prepared by Brothers Donald Bland and Geoffrey Harris. The decoration motif was Spanish in style and "senoritas" were elegantly garbed in mantillas and shawls with flowers in their hair.

The Sunday School held a garden party on September 3rd. It was organised by Brother Kenneth Poole and highlights were a children's fancy-dress parade, a stage show, and open-air dancing in the evening, under fairy lights. Hot-dogs and wagon-wheels were served. Seventy-five members and friends contributed £13 to the Sunday School funds.

Nottingham Branch Presidency has recently been re-organised and

is now constituted as follows:

Branch President—

Derek A. Cuthbert

1st Counsellor—

Oliver Storer

2nd Counsellor—

Kenneth John Poole

Branch Clerk—

Albert Edward Asher

On Wednesday, August 10th, a social was held in the *Leicester Branch*. Eighty-five members and friends gathered to bid farewell again to Brother and Sister Gent, formerly of Nottingham District, but visiting from U.S.A. Games and singing and dancing were conducted by Brother T. Rush and were enjoyed by one and all. Brother Gent, when resident here was president of the district. He was presented with a book, "The History of Leicestershire" while Sister Gent received an embroidered tablecloth.

An outstanding attendance record for the Nottingham District, Leicester Branch, New Parks Sunday School, has been achieved by *Ann Pearson* (a non-member): 100 per cent over a period of seven years. Congratulations, Ann!

Congratulations to Brother *Albert E. Asher* on his award of the Bronze Badge of Service as a blood donor. The letter of citation reads: "No man or woman can do more than part with their own life's blood to save a fellow creature's life."

Leeds

The Relief Society of the *Bradford Branch*, under the direction of their chorister, Sister Clara Evans, with Sister Nellie Robertshaw accompanying, occupied the evening of Sunday, August 14th, in the rendering of a service of song entitled "The Dedicated Field". Sister Jean Gallagher rendered the narrative which was illustrated with

choruses, duets and solos by the choir of 24 voices.

Liverpool

Nelson Branch Relief Society celebrated the joint birthday of Sister Ada Johnston and Sister Eliza Holmes on September 6th. It proved a very splendid evening at the home of Sister Edith Slater, president of the Society. A variety of food burdened the table, but was easily demolished to make way for a beautiful birthday cake, made by one of the sisters as a surprise item.

Wigan Branch M.I.A. held their annual sports under the direction of Brother and Sister Shorrock, September 6th. Members of the Liverpool, Blackburn, Burnley and Accrington Branches kindly attended. District union meeting followed and after refreshments a dance was held with the room decorated to represent a shipwreck. Arrangements for refreshments were made by Wigan M.I.A. under the direction of Brother J. Hayes and Sister Ross.

Manchester

On August 3rd, *Relief Society Sisters* of the *Wythenshawe Branch* held their second trip to places of interest. This time they visited Manchester Town Hall where they were conducted around rooms not usually open to the public. They were told of historical and important events connected with the city, which many of them, although Manchester born, had either forgotten or were unaware of. Fine murals on the walls of the banqueting hall, depicting scenes in the history of the city from Roman times were pointed out; but the "high" spot was an ascent to the clock face, accomplished by all except one sister who stayed on terra firma

preaching the gospel to a workman.

Ashton - Hyde Branch held a Sunday School outing on August 6th when they went to Marple Lakes. A mixed party of about 35 went rowing on the lake and afterwards played cricket and baseball.

Norwich

On August 9th a small party was held in the *Colchester Branch* to bid farewell to President and Sister Seager and family who have moved to Gainsborough in Lincolnshire.

Twenty-one members of the Colchester Branch Sunday School had a very enjoyable day at Walton-on-the-Naze on August 13th. Games on the beach were enjoyed by everybody and all returned tired and happily grateful to Brother and Sister Heassum who organised the outing.

Newcastle

The *Darlington Sunday School* and *Primary* children were taken to Redcar for an outing on Saturday, August 13th. Races were run and cricket played on the sands. The more adventurous enjoyed a sea trip.

Middlesbrough Branch held a social in honour of Elder and Sister Heber D. Clark and Sister Kemble and her daughter who were leaving the branch. Elder Clark had served as president of the branch while on a mission here and Sister Kemble was leaving for Bountiful, Utah.

The Budget event in the *Sunderland Branch* for August was sponsored by the mothers and daughters who entertained the males in singing, dancing and skits. Supper was provided, consisting of tongue and salad, ice-cream and jelly. Sister Quayle was in charge of the programme and the Relief Society Sisters served the meal.

A Fathers' and Sons' Day was held in the *Newcastle Branch* on September 3rd. Tennis and baseball were played from 3 p.m. on, with a dinner following in the early evening. Each person present was then asked to contribute an item to an impromptu programme which capped a very enjoyable day.

Personals

Births and Blessings

West. A son was born to Sister and Brother Charles West of the *Colchester Branch* on May 27th

Hargreaves. A daughter was born to Sister and Mr. Hargreaves of *Wythenshawe* on August 22nd.

Isherwood. A son was born to Sister and Brother Isherwood of *Wythenshawe* on August 23rd.

Beckingham. A son was born to Sister Hetty and Brother Charles Beckingham, of the *Newchapel Branch*, on July 26th. The boy was blessed by his father, President of the Branch, and given the names of Anthony Hamer.

Cunningham. A son was born to Sister Joan and Brother Ronald Cunningham, of the *Newchapel Branch*, on May 5th. The child was blessed by his father on Sunday, June 5th, and given the name of Mark.

Pritchard. A son was born to Sister and Mr. Pritchard, of the *Derby Branch*, on April 4th. He was blessed by Elder David W. Wright on Sunday, September 4th, and given the names of Christopher Geoffrey.

Bray. A son was born to Sister and Brother William E. Bray of the *Leicester Branch* on July 8th. The child was blessed by his father on August 7th and given the names of James Andrew.

Setchfield. The daughter of

Brother and Sister Alfred Setchfield was blessed in the *Derby Branch* on July 17th by Elder Y. Daines Lund and given the name of Elizabeth.

Marriages

Leeming - Rudd-Clark. On July 30th Sister Doris Leeming was married to Brother D. W. S. Rudd-Clark at *Guisborough*. The guests attended a reception at the *Orange Café* in *Guisborough*.

Gosling - Makin. On Saturday, August 20th, Sister Ann Gosling, daughter of Mrs. Emily and the late Mr. P. Gosling, of *Weston-Super-Mare*, was married to Brother George Barrie Makin, son of Brother and Sister G. Makin, of *Birmingham*. Twenty-eight members and friends attended the reception held at the bride's home.

Popple - Wood. Miss Barbara Ann Popple was married to Brother Clifford Wood, of the *Stockport Branch*, on August 4th in the *Wythenshawe Chapel*. The ceremony was performed by the branch president, Brother Roberts. The bride was attired in a dress of white net decorated with gold and white flowers and wore a headdress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of red roses and was attended by two small bridesmaids in blue carrying posies of anemones. The best man was Elder Hippard and the bride was given away by her father. Reception was held in the home of Brother Wood and the happy couple toured *Cornwall* for their honeymoon.

Deaths

Newton. Sister Florence Edith Newton, of the *Nottingham Branch*, passed away on August 23rd at the age of 62. Her great faith and devotion to the Gospel during a long illness were an inspiration to her

family and many friends. The funeral service was conducted by President Clarence E. McBride.

Leaberry. Harvey Leaberry, second son of Brother and Sister A. Leaberry, of Barnsley Branch, died on August 5th after a serious heart operation in the Leeds Infirmary. President R. F. Nielson conducted a funeral service in the Barnsley chapel on August 10th at which the speakers were Elder D. Brammer and Elder G. R. Birkhead with President Nielson, while Sister K. Hall rendered a solo. Harvey was but 14 years of age and was loved by all. His quiet smile will be missed by all who were privileged to know him.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

To the Office of a Deacon :

Michael Stanley Watling, of the Colchester Branch, under the hand of President Gerald A. Seager.

Brian Arthur Frank Watling, of the Colchester Branch, under the hand of Brother F. Ernest Young, President of the Norwich District.

Peter W. Jackson, of the Leicester Branch, under the hand of Brother George E. Gent.

Terrance N. Berwick, of the Leicester Branch, under the hand of President Leslie J. Sullivan.

John Barwell Lloyd, of the Brighton Branch, under the hand of Elder Peter Dyer.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

TRANSFERS :

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date Effective</i>
Sister Beverly Lancaster	Liverpool	London Office	August 10th
Sister Mary Walker	Hull	Birmingham	September 12th
Elder Larry Kay Juchau	London	Newcastle	September 12th
Elder Richard Henderson	London	Newcastle	September 12th
Elder Kenneth Stirland	Wales	London	September 12th
Elder William Cleaveland	Newcastle	Birmingham	September 12th
Elder Glen R. Bennett	Birmingham	Wales	September 12th
Elder George Dee Page	Leeds	Ireland	September 12th
Elder Robert E. Francis	Ireland	Liverpool	September 12th
Elder Charles W. Taggart	Newcastle	Liverpool	September 12th

APPOINTMENTS :

Elder William V. Westenskow was appointed Servicemen's Co-ordinator, August 7th, 1955.

BAPTISMS :

Birmingham District	Frank Steel of Romford
Raymond Keith Burgess of Birmingham	Jane Georgina F. Vousden of Romford
Hull District	Manchester District
Graham Woods of Grimsby	Martin Mason of Wythenshawe
Keith Woods of Grimsby	Sylvia Maud Kenyon of Wythenshawe
Avril D. Martin of Grimsby	Margaret Arnold of Bury
Michael Adamson of York	Brian Stanley Kenyon of Wythenshawe
David W. Adamson of York	James Roy Caddick of Wythenshawe
Robert Simpson of York	Lawrence Ratcliffe of Oldham
Andrew Carr of York	Catherine Phyllis Ratcliffe of Oldham
Leeds District	Leonard Edgar John Arnold of Bury
Jennifer Susan Green of Halifax	Jean Edna Crosthwaite of Stockport
Nicholas Murphy of Dewsbury	Derek Crosthwaite of Stockport
Dorothy Elizabeth Murphy of Dewsbury	Harold Crockell II of Wythenshawe
Joan Roberts of Huddersfield	Allen Crockell of Wythenshawe
Liverpool District	Newcastle District
Paul E. Evans of Liverpool	James Simpson Laurie of West Hartlepool
Robert Kane of Liverpool	Gordon Arthur Laurie of West Hartlepool
London District	Norwich District
Frances Maude Ellwood of South London	James Robert Neal of Norwich
Marjorie Hester of Romford	Scotland District
Olive Elsie C. Hester of Romford	Leonard Albert Glover of Glasgow
Elsie Mildred B. Hester of Romford	Mary C. Glover of Glasgow
Percy Leonard J. Hester of Romford	David Williamson of Edinburgh
Irene Helen Hester of Romford	Catherine B. T. H. Williamson of Edinburgh
Minnie Ethel B. Steel of Romford	William Proctor of Glasgow
	Marion Drysdale M. Proctor of Glasgow



Elder Whittaker



Sister Clark



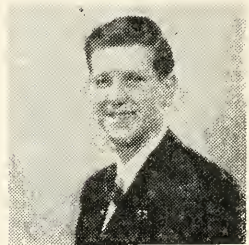
Elder Clark



Elder Preece



Sister Preece



Elder Jones



Elder Fullwood



Sister Thomas



Elder Ottesen



Elder Covey

RELEASES :

August 5th
Elder Rodney A. Fullwood

From
Liverpool, England

Served in
Wales

July 28th
Sister LuBeth Thomas
Sister Lily Card Clark
Elder Heber D. C. Clark

Fair Oaks, California
Bountiful, Utah
Bountiful, Utah

Scotland, Wales, London Office
London, Newcastle
Scotland, Wales,
London, Newcastle

August 22nd
Sister Cora Preece
Elder William V. Preece

Bountiful, Utah
Bountiful, Utah

Norwich
Norwich

September 8th
Elder Stephen R. Covey
Elder L. James Ottesen
Elder J. Howard Whittaker
Elder C. Vaughan Jones

Salt Lake City, Utah
Springville, Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah
Logan, Utah

Nottingham, Ireland, London*
Nottingham, London**
Manchester, Bristol
Norwich, Newcastle, Sheffield

*=Second Counsellor to Mission President
**=Servicemen's Co-ordinator



Ordinances and Ceremonies

Those who hold the priesthood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are divinely commissioned with the authority to perform holy ordinances that are necessary for the happiness and eternal welfare of our Father's children.

There are few set forms in the Church. The Holy Spirit directs the priesthood.

Rather than having set forms, the elders should live so that they may have the inspiration of the Spirit of God when called upon to officiate in the ordinances. Then their prayers will be simple, direct, appropriate and effective in the sight of God.

The formal prayers and forms required of the Church should be well learned, and the manner of administering Church ordinances should be carefully followed.

Blessing of Children—Every member of the church of Christ having children is to bring them unto the elders before the Church, who are to lay their hands upon them in the name of Jesus Christ, and bless them in his name.—Doc. and Cov. 20 : 70.

Blessing of Children

The child is taken in the arms of the elders; and the elder who is voice may begin in substance: "Our Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ and in the authority of the holy priesthood we present before Thee this infant to give it a name and a blessing. And we give it the name of ——." To this may be added such words of blessing as the spirit may dictate.

Baptizing

And again, by way of commandment to the church concerning the manner of baptism—All those who humble themselves before God, and desire to be baptized, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the church that they have truly repented of all their sins, and are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ, having a determination to serve him to the end, and truly manifest by their works that they have received of the spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins, shall be received by baptism into his church.—Doc. and Cov. 20 : 37.

Baptizing

The officiating elder should hold securely in his left hand the hands of the person being baptized. He should raise his right hand and arm to the square, and calling the candidate by name, say: "Having been commissioned of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and

of the Holy Ghost. Amen.” The right hand should then be placed on the back of the head of the candidate, he or she should be completely immersed and then assisted in “coming up out of the water.”

Confirmation and Bestowal of the Holy Ghost—“The words of Christ, which he spoke unto his disciples, the twelve whom he had chosen, as he laid his hands upon them—

“And he called them by name, saying: Ye shall call on the Father in my name, in mighty prayer; and after ye have done this ye shall have power that to him upon whom ye shall lay your hands ye shall give the Holy Ghost; and in my name shall ye give it, for thus do mine apostles.”—Moroni 2 : 1, 2.

The duty of members after they are received by baptism—The elders or priests are to have a sufficient time to expound all things concerning the church of Christ to their understanding, previous to their partaking of the sacrament and being confirmed by the laying on of the hands of the elders, so that all things may be done in order.”—Doc. and Cov. 20 : 68.

The confirming of baptized persons should not be delayed.

Confirming

No set form is given for this ordinance, but a baptized person is properly confirmed a member of the Church if the following words are used by the member of the priesthood whose hands are laid on the head of the candidate: Calling the candidate by name—“In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the holy priesthood, we lay our hands upon your head and confirm you a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and say unto you, Receive the Holy Ghost. Amen.”

Conferring the Priesthood—All worthy male members of the Church over twelve years of age should be ordained to the priesthood. In organized wards and branches where there is opportunity for activity and study of the outlined courses, the Church authorities for conveniences in grouping have given the ages for each office as: Deacons 12-14; Teachers 15-16; Priests 17-19. However, in the mission field where adults are often coming into the Church it is impossible to follow such a grouping. New members should have experience in the Aaronic Priesthood, though they may be older.

Ordinations may be performed in the priesthood meetings or in the monthly fast meetings, as determined by the district president.

The branch presidency may recommend to the district president the names of men worthy to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood. Ordinations to the Melchizedek Priesthood are performed under the direct supervision of the mission president either by him or someone appointed.

The scriptures state no set form to be used in ordaining, but the following is recommended by the Church authorities.

Ordaining to the Aaronic Priesthood

Calling the candidate by name—“By (or in) the authority of the Holy priesthood I (or we) lay my (or our) hands upon

your head and ordain you a Deacon (or Teacher or Priest) in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and confer upon you all the rights, powers and authority pertaining to this office and calling in the Aaronic Priesthood, in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Such words of blessing as the spirit may dictate may be included.

Ordaining to the Melchizedek Priesthood

Calling the candidate by name—“ By (or in) the authority of the holy priesthood and by the laying on of hands, I (or we) ordain you an Elder or (whatever the office may be) in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and confer upon you all the rights, powers, and authority pertaining to this office and calling in the holy Melchizedek Priesthood, in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Such words of blessing as the spirit may dictate may be included.

(Ordinances and Ceremonies continued in November issue)

RECENT VISITORS TO GT. BRITAIN



ELDER Ezra Taft Benson and Mrs. Benson visited Mission Headquarters, 149 Nightingale Lane, on Elder Benson's recent trip to Europe. Elder Benson, a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, is Secretary of Agriculture on President Eisenhower's cabinet and was in Great Britain on official government business. Elder and Mrs. Benson also took part in dedicatory services at Berne, Switzerland.

The Long Look

Elder Richard L. Evans

THERE seems to be little evidence that the Creator of the universe was ever in a hurry. Everywhere, on his bounteous and beautiful earth, and out into the farthest reaches of the firmament, there is evidence of patient purpose and planning and working and waiting. This is a point to remember when we become too impatient with our own problems, or with the many unanswered questions that are in the minds of most of us. And when our thoughts become too troubled, when our lives become too tense, it might be well to take time for a long look—out into the infinite and awesome vastness of the universe—across “worlds” that can’t be counted—in sight of “suns” that can’t be numbered—into space that can’t be contemplated by the mortal mind of man. “And any man who hath seen any or the least of these hath seen God moving in his majesty and power.” Everywhere there is evidence of long, unhurried plan and pattern and purpose, of intelligence and continuous creation, and of the Creator—which makes one ask in all earnestness: “What *is* man, that thou art mindful of him?” He must be important in the infinite plan and purpose or he wouldn’t have the intelligence and the opportunities he has. And he is important—so much so that the Lord God made man in “his own image”, and has set before him limitless and everlasting possibilities. And yet here on this pin point planet the most penetrating mind among us has profound reason to feel small and humble and repentant—for with all our brilliance and accomplishment (and sometimes stupidity) we are only children on the shore of an eternal sea. And all we know, or think we know, there is infinitely much that we must leave to time—including some of our troubles and some of our sorrows, and some of our unsatisfied questions. And a long look at the endless, orderly plan and purpose of the Father of us all may make some of the petty and passing things appear not so important as they sometimes see. And when we find ourselves in conflict and confusion, we can well learn to wait a while for all the evidence and all the answers that now evade us. Think of your soul, dig a grave; let it be as some forgotten spot to which no path leads; and there in the eternal silence bury the wrongs which you have suffered. Your heart will feel as if a load had fallen from it, and a divine peace come to abide with you.

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